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TEDDY" THE WAIF.

BY MRS. ELLEN E. DICKINSON. It was in the very height of the fashionable season, when the votaries in the gay world of Gotham were in a whirl of dissipation, that Mrs. Farrington became one of a "Comforting Ten" among "The King's Daughters." She started out alone one morning

to visit a Home for Friendless Children, as she had promised Marion she would, and hoping her assistance might be needed at the institution.

It happened to be Managers' Day, and these ladies, acquainted with Mrs. Farrington's name only as connected with the gayest of the gay, were astonished at her appearance among them, asking, with an air of perfect sincerity, what she could do to help them in their mission.

"If you are in carnest," said brusque Mrs. Dalzell, one of the number, "there is a little boy upstairs named 'Teddy,' who is ill and lonesome, and you might read to him.' "Oh! I am quite in earnest, or I

would not be here," was the reply. Mrs. Dalzell sent for the Matron, who escorted Mrs. Farrington upstairs. On the way they encountered Mrs. Endicott, President of the Board of Managers, who was on a tour of general inspection through the house. The sweet, patient, but melancholy expression of this lady's face induced Mrs. Farrington to inquire of the Matron if she had been greatly af-

flicted. "She has lost all her four children," was the reply, "and although she is a very rich lady, she comes here three or four days every week to see these little waifs and strays."

Hitherto Mrs. Farrington had avoided everything that might suggest sorrow or bodily ill. To her, hospitals and all charitable institutions were alike disagreeable, even in name; but now she passed through the various rooms of the Home, where children of tender age were being cared for by women employed for the purpose. Her dainty nostrils at once | should awaken. perceived the peculiar odor that pervades all public institutions of this character, however clean and spotless the endeavor may be to keep them on . the part of the managers.

But she forgot this inconvenience in the interest she quickly manifested in the infants, the toddlers, the really charming little creatures, which were attracted by her sweet smiles and pretty dress, and who came to her when invited.

Finally the Matron threw open the door of a bright, sunny, cheerful room, and said:

"Here is my little man, Teddy." Mrs. Farrington stopped in perfect amazement at the sight of this little fellow propped up in bed, who, when he saw her, with a feeble, piping voice

"Good-morning, ma'am." The boy's large blue eyes were at once fixed with a longing, wistful gaze rannington had lastened to her dress waist. His hair, of a rich golden hue and abundant, was hanging in long curls on the pillow, making a beauti ful setting for the pinched face, and his whole appearance gave evidence of care and loving attention.

The visitor unfastened the flowers she was wearing and gave them into his wasted hands. He looked at them, saying, "I love flowers."

The Matron remarked that she was needed down-stairs, and would leave Mrs. Farrington, saying as she did

"If you will read to Teddy he will

like it very much.' "Certainly," the lady replied, in a choking voice, for she had taken one of the little hands in hers, and realized that probably the boy would not need companionship very long. When the door had closed upon them, Mrs. Farrington kissed the little fellow, and told him she would read or talk to him as he desired.

He leaned forward and asked: "What is that little cross for ?"

"Ah! Teddy, that means that I want to be good to you, and everybody that is sick and helpless and poor. am coming to see you every day, and will read stories to you and make you

"Will you? But why did you not come sooner? I'm getting so tired every day." "I am sorry, Teddy, I did not

come, but we will be such good friends now. What shall I bring you to-"Oh.! stories of bears and lions,

and of flowers and birds in the wild woods. Come early, before I go to sleep, won't you, pretty lady?" Mrs. Farrington read aloud from a

little primer she found on the bed. Teddy was familiar with the story, and frequently anticipated her reading by saying:
"Now, it's awful funny"—or "I

don't like that part-skip it please.' And then he played with some broken toys lying on the table near him. which he graciously explained to his guest, and closing the exhibition, as it were, announced his intention of going to sleep, saying:

"You'll 'scuse me, won't you?" as the pallid curtains fell over the blue orbs, and the golden curls again touched the pillow.

Mrs. Farrington stole out of the room on tip-toe, and, seeking the Matron, asked Teddy's history.

"Well, ma'am, the boy is a waif," replied the kind Matron. "He was brought here by a woman, who said that she was not his mother, about six years ago, and we thought then that Teddy was a year old. He was a beautiful, bright little fellow, and we all loved him as he grew into a fine boy. He began, somehow, to role," for he "disliked of all things to droop six months ago, and now he can't last long. He does not suffer pain, but is very lonely. At first he used to cry when we had to leave him by himself; but don't you cry, ma'am, you aint used to such sights."

The picture of Teddy, "dear, little efficient officers.

Teddy," as she already called him, alone in that upper chamber, remained in the memory of the hitherto gay widow. She could not banish it, and it totally unfitted her for the enjoyment of a dinner party which she at

tended that evening.

The following morning at an early hour she drove to the Home with books and flowers and toys, and some delicate food to tempt Teddy's appetite. He was evidently expecting her, as he was wide awake and eager to see the lovely gifts with which her hands were burdened. Indeed, his gratitude was beyond speech as she laid the articles beside him one by one. Tears dropped from his eyes and a little sob choked his utterance

as he tried to say: "Thank you, very much." Mrs. Farrington read a story to him, which she perceived excited him with its novelty, and then she said, "I am going to get your lunch, Ted-dy." She spread a dainty cover on the little table at his side, on which she laid a quail nicely roasted, a bunch of white grapes, and a roll, in some pretty dishes which she had brought for this purpose from home.

The boy watched all her movements very curiously, and when she said: "Come, Teddy, will you have quail or grapes first!" He unexpectedly

answered by the inquiry: "Do you give your little boy grapes!" "Teddy, you are the only little boy I have," said Mrs. Farrington, with a sigh. "Come, darling, eat this nice quail, try to get well, and you shall go home with me and always be my

He stretched out his arms and put them gently around her neck, saying: "Then you'll be my mamma?" "Yes, dear Teddy, so take some

Then the boy sat up as if inspired by new hope, and tried to eat all the quail, but it was too much for him, and he sank back on the pillows exhausted, and was soon in a gentle slumber. Meanwhile his new nurse arranged some flowers she had brought on the table as a surprise when he

When he opened his eyes he looked and a rare, sweet smile irradiated his face as he touched them with his fin gers, one by one, daintily, as if to find if they were real.

"Are they mine?" he asked, after this prolonged inspection. "All yours, Teddy."

He pulled Mrs. Farrington down gently and whispered:

"May have your cross, too?" She hesitated a moment, and then tied it by the purple ribbon to a but-tonhole in his night-gown, saying, mentally : "In His Name,"

Nothing more was said between them. Teddy was now gazing at the sky through the window, and Mrs. Farrington thought it best not to disturb him. He had clasped the roses over the cross on his breast, and was lying so tranquil that she became alarmed and ran down-stairs to seethe Matron to whom on finding she called, excitedly: "Won't you come up to see Teddy? He is so still it frightens me!"

"Oh! its nothing, ma'am, he's laid that way for days, but I'll go up." When the two women entered Teddy's room very softly they looked at him and at each other; then Mrs. Farrington burst into hysterical sobs and cried:

"Oh! he is gone! Teddy! Teddy!" "Yes, ma'am, the boy is an angel now. See, his eyes looked at the sky the last thing.'

His little arms still clasped the flowers, and the radiance had not Mrs. Farrington said she would bear the expense of Teddy's burial in her own lot at Greenwood, and begged that the roses might be left undisturbed on his breast. The cross and purple ribbon she gently drew away, and tied them again to her watch-

chain. From this time these little symbols of Christian love would be doubly precious to her. She found Madame Fay and Marion at home later, and related her experi-

ence with Teddy. Marion kissed her and offered to go with her next day to Greenwood. And so these two young women followed the little waif to his grave beside that of Mrs. Farrington's mother. And now a small marble cross marks the spot, bearing a single

Of course, Mrs. Farrington had asked her father's permission to bury the pauper child in his lot at Greenwood, and to make him understand her wish told him of her acquaintance with the child. His surprise was immense, but he could refuse her

"You are very sweet to me, my child," he said that evening, after Bessie's return from Greenwood. "Are you quite well?" feeling her pulse and stroking her fair hair "Yes, father, quite well; never

" Has the gay world grown distaste ful to you, that you are visiting almshouses and burying paupers?"

" No, no! not so bad as that, quite; and then she told him of The King's Daughters, of the Comforting Ten, and lastly, that she was conscious of having neglected him in her devotion to Vanity Fair.

Dr. Althrope sat silent for some time after Mrs. Farrington had left him. He could not understand this strange adoption of charitable work, this attendance of meetings, and the softened, gentle mood of his daughter. What did it mean? Had she been disappointed in any way? "I suppose it is some feminine freak," he finally concluded, and rejoiced she had not attempted the "blue stocking live in the house with a 'cultured woman.' That would be fatal to his

comfort and happiness." Mrs. Farrington continued to visit the Home, was elected one of its managers, and became one of its most

It was a kind of seven days' wonder among the young widow's acquaintances that she was always "engaged' when she received society invitations. She met the queries made as to her present occupations good-humoredly, but with a great deal of dignity She did not say that she would never attend balls or receptions or social events, but when urged to do so quietly remarked: "I am very busy please excuse me."

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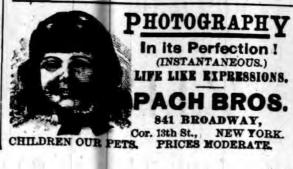
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